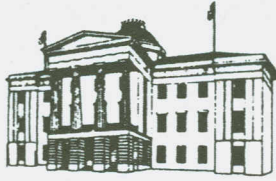


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

PARENTS' DAY

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1994, the president signed into law the resolution unanimously adopted by the United States Congress establishing the fourth Sunday of every July, as *Parents' Day*, a perennial day of commemoration similar to Mother's Day and Father's Day; and

WHEREAS, *Parents' Day* was established to "recognize, uplift and support the role of parents in the rearing of children"; and

WHEREAS, the family is the most fundamental of society's institutions, and is largely responsible for the development of character, moral-responsibility and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, parents instill confidence and a sense of purpose in their children, drawing out their children's talents, and encouraging their children to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, parents impart valuable character traits to their children, including a sense of duty, self worth, and service to others, all of which help to strengthen families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the observance of *Parents' Day* is intended to serve as a reminder of the importance of family and effective parenting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2009, as "PARENTS' DAY" in North Carolina, and urge all parents to rededicate themselves to providing their children with the unconditional love that will help them become happy, healthy and productive members of society.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty fourth.